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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hugh J. PASIKA et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/911,903 ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: July 23, 2001 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND )  
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE )  
FOR EVALUATING BIOLOGICAL )  
DATA )

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**RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003. The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1-6, 9-18, 21-28, and 33; and

Group II, claims 7, 8, 19, 20, and 29-32

Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-6, 9-18, 21-28, and 33.

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The Examiner also requires a species election of one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Species A: Nucleic Acid.

Species B: Amino Acid.

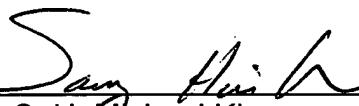
Applicants elect species A.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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